

THE STAPLE INN ACTUARIAL SOCIETY

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Report of the Committee presented at the Annual General Meeting on 10 October 1989

The Committee submits its Report on the work of the Society during the seventy ninth session, which ended on 30 June 1989, together with the accounts for that period.

1. Membership

The total number of members on 30 June 1989 was 4342. For the last five years the numbers have been:

On 30 June	Fellows	Associates	Students	Total
1985	1,697	489	1,129	3,315
1986	1,742	482	1,223	3,447
1987	1,797	539	1,448	3,784
1988	1,834	551	1,579	3,964
1989	2,215	350	1,777	4,342

2. Programme 1988/1989

Ten general meetings were held during the session, on Tuesday evenings.

1988	
18 October	Pension illustrations—a fair comparison or a confidence trick? <i>Opener:</i> E. Short <i>Chairman:</i> R. E. Brimblecombe
1 November	A Fable (Being, in part, a 'who-dun-it' of life office financial management) <i>Opener:</i> J. A. A. Gillett <i>Chairman:</i> M. B. Brown
15 November	Daniel in the Lion's Den/Horror Stories <i>Openers:</i> J. J. Quarrell, T. Clarke <i>Chairman:</i> P. J. Turvey
6 December	PHI Reserving <i>Opener:</i> M. E. Turner <i>Chairman:</i> G. K. Aslet
1989	
10 January	Retirement age and equalisation of pension benefits <i>Openers:</i> P. S. Carroll, P. D. G. Tompkins <i>Chairman:</i> L. J. Martin
31 January	Financing Healthcare for the Elderly <i>Opener:</i> J. M. Webber <i>Chairman:</i> R. J. Sansom
21 February	Life Office Expenses <i>Opener:</i> R. C. Wilkinson <i>Chairman:</i> A. G. O'Leary

- 7 March The Statistical Aspect of the Study of Sexual Behaviour in relation to the Transmission of HIV
 Opener: Prof. R. M. Anderson
 Chairman: (away at RSS)
- 28 March Retirement Provision: Issues for employers and employees
 Opener: N. D. V. Bodie
 Chairman: A. S. Fishman
- 11 April The Actuary's role in determining pension fund investment strategy
 Opener: I. C. Woods
 Chairman: R. C. Urwin
- 16 May Expense Charges and best advice: Out of sight, out of mind?
 Opener: G. V. Budd
 Chairman: P. J. Turvey

The average attendance at general meetings was 103 which is somewhat higher than last year and represents a move towards the attendance levels of previous years (90 in 1987-88 and 109 in 1986-87). The Society was pleased to host a joint meeting with the Association of Pension Lawyers on 15 November 1988. The level of attendance of guests at Society meetings has been a particular feature of this session and is one that the Committee is keen to encourage.

A Society prize was awarded to James Webber for his paper entitled 'Financing Healthcare for the Elderly'.

3. *Accounts*

The last year has again seen further expansion in the activities of The Staple Inn Actuarial Society. With the growth in the number of courses and the continued popularity of FIASCO (particularly amongst advisers of job vacancies for actuarial students) turnover has increased to £245,000 compared with £178,000 in the previous year. Any surplus funds of the Society continue to be used for the benefit of members, with particular emphasis on education and training (see Section 7, Projects).

4. *Courses*

The number and range of courses run by the Society continues to grow. New courses have again been introduced this year and others are being developed.

The main feature of the year was the outstanding level of demand for the Study Management courses. An Expert Systems course and a Presentation Skills course were held in October, a Modern Business Writing course in May, three Life Office Taxation courses were run in October, December and February, two Marketing courses in November and February and a Legal Aspects of Pension Funds course in July. The non-life computer game was again organized primarily to assist those studying for the General Insurance examination.

Arrangements are in hand for an Investment Course in October. Other courses for the forthcoming session will be publicised in due course.

5. *Publications*

Volume 32 of the Journal is being prepared under the joint editorship of P. J. Cooper and A. Saunders.

The Society's magazine, FIASCO, had a successful twelfth year under the editorship of E. M. Smyth.

The Society's thanks are due to the editors of both the Journal and FIASCO.

6. *Professional Liaison*

A liaison meeting was held with the secretaries of other actuarial societies in the U.K. and Channel Islands. The Society was also represented at a number of the annual general meetings and dinners of those societies.

The Society continued to be represented on the Research Committee, Sessional Meetings Committee, Medals and Prizes Committee, Historical Texts Sub-Committee, the Public Relations Committee and Futures Committee of the Institute of Actuaries.

The Society maintained liaison with the Young Chartered Accountants Group of London and liaison with the Association of Pension Lawyers continues to develop, as it does with local groups of the Pensions Management Institute, the Chartered Insurance Institute and with the Royal Statistical Society.

7. *Projects*

The Society has provided or agreed to provide financial assistance towards a number of projects including:

- continuing to meet 50% of the acquisition costs of historical texts for the Institute Library;
- £2,500 subsidy for the Study Management courses;
- a grant of £12,500 to finance a research project leading to a book on Mortality on the Move;
- a grant of up to £20,400 to sponsor jointly a project on the Mortality of Impaired Lives.

The Committee continues to apply three criteria for the financial assistance to projects:

1. The project should be of benefit to members of the Society;
2. There should be a clearly defined end product which is capable of being linked with the Society; and
3. The maximum commitment of funds must be determined at outset and the Society cannot give any commitment to continuing funding in subsequent years.

The Committee will be pleased to consider any further proposals of suitable projects requiring financial support.

8. *Social*

Buffet suppers were held at a local public house following Sessional meetings, and were generally well attended.

The Annual Supper was held on 21 October 1988 at a new venue, The Brewery, Chiswell Street. This was a Friday separate from the Annual General Meeting, and was extremely well attended by 606 members and guests (compared with 460 in 1987). The principal guest was R. D. Corley, President of the Institute.

The Biennial Dinner and Dance was held at the Hilton Hotel on 25 February 1989 when 589 members and guests had an enjoyable evening, a record attendance compared with 465 in 1987.

The twenty-first Golf Meeting with Gallio, Fellowship and 59 clubs took place at the Addington Golf Club, Croydon on 15 June when 21 players represented the Society. The Gal Fell Bowl was retained by The Staple Inn Actuarial Society.

A number of successful social and sporting events were arranged. Sporting Events included a darts tournament, squash tournament and five-a-side football tournament. A car treasure hunt, summer saunter and a winter wander also proved popular events.

9. *Administration*

The Committee thanks T. G. Clarke for his advice and help during the year as the member appointed by Council. The Committee is also most grateful for the encouragement and support which it received from the President, members of Council and other senior actuaries and particularly wishes to thank those who took the chair at the Society's meetings.

The Committee very gladly records its appreciation of the essential part played in the administration of the Society by Mr Mackie and the staff at the Institute office.

10. *Provisional Programme 1989-90*

1989	
10 October	AGM followed by: Participating Proprietary Offices <i>Opener:</i> Ralph Frankland
31 October	The Construction of Computer Systems and the use of Fourth Generation Languages. (Joint meeting with British Computer Society.) <i>Opener:</i> John Harsant
14 November	SSAP 24—Eighteen months on. (Joint meeting with Young Chartered Accountants Group of London.) <i>Openers:</i> Paul Greenwood, Mike Reynolds
5 December	Measuring the Output of Life Assurance Companies <i>Opener:</i> Chris O'Brien
1990	
16 January	Dread Disease Cover—An Actuarial Perspective <i>Openers:</i> Alison Dash, David Grimshaw
31 January	Joint meeting of AES and Board of Examiners
13 February	Jubilee Lecture

- 6 March Guaranteed Income Bonds
 Opener: John Bannon
- 20 March Further Applications of Stochastic Investment Models
 Opener: Peter Lockyer
- 3 April Outstanding Claims Reserving. (Joint meeting with RSS).
 Opener: Richard Verrall
- 8 May Best Estimate Valuation Bases: One Actuary's View
 Opener: David Parsons
- 22 May Product Development for a Unit Linked Life Office
 Opener: Stephen Dixon

A. K. Whalley
Honorary Secretary

September 1989

STAPLE INN ACTUARIAL SOCIETY

REVENUE ACCOUNT 1988-89

1987/88	INCOME	1988/89C	1987/88	EXPENDITURE	1988/89
£		£	£		£
25,974	Subscriptions	29,633	5,345	Meetings	5,978
7,339	Interest (net of tax)	11,073	11,771	Printing & Stationery	12,265
1,574	Sales of Journal	1,552	18,549	Postage	36,425
10,332	Social Events	35,832	100	Society Prize	100
44,823	Courses	33,630	15,248	Journal	11,804
88,004	Fiasco Advertising (incl. VAT)	114,291	11,054	Social Events	40,206
—	Book Sales	299		Courses	35,645
				Less: Transfer from	
				Project Reserve	2,000
—	Transfer from General Reserve	3,924	44,357	Fiasco Production	33,645
			29,507	VAT Paid	42,449
—	Transfer from		9,907		10,191
	Staple Inn Equipment Reserve	15,000		Institute charge for:	
			575	Collecting subscriptions	6,801
			—	Fiasco administration	8,982
			66	Miscellaneous (net)	110
				Projects:	
				Book Project	6,666
				Historical Books	1,879
				Research	8,680
					17,225
				Less: Transfer from Project	
			847	Reserves	16,346
				Transfer to Project Reserve:	879
				Research Project	20,400
				Book Project	12,499
			22,800	Study Management	2,500
			7,920	Transfer to General Reserves	35,399
			<u>£178,046</u>		<u>—</u>
			<u>£245,234</u>		<u>£245,234</u>

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30 JUNE 1989

1988 £	LIABILITIES	£	1989 £	1988 £	ASSETS	1989 £
	General Fund				City of London Building Society	
	Balance at 1 July 1988	19,676		102,184		
	Less: Transfer to Revenue ...			14,824	Lloyds Banks	125,690
19,676	account	3,924	15,752	14,038	Sundry Debtors	36,400
	Project Reserves:					
	Research	31,520				
	Books	12,500				
	Historical Books	3,000				
47,467	Study Management	2,500	49,520			
	Contingency Reserve		18,500			
18,500	VAT Reserve		3,500			
3,500	Journal Reserve		12,500			
12,500	Subscription Reserve		6,000			
6,000	Sundry Creditors		56,318			
23,403			<u>£162,090</u>	<u>£131,046</u>		<u>£162,090</u>
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M. R. T. North
Honorary Treasurer

*Honorary
Auditors*

We have examined the above accounts with the books and vouchers and we certify that the accounts are correct.

E. FAIRLESS
G. F. CHAMBERLIN

30th August 1989